The method recited in Claim 27, wherein the evaporative system of a motor vehicle under test is the 28. fuel vapor recovery system.

REMARKS

The claims pending in this patent application are now Claims 11-28. Original Claims 1-10 have been cancelled. Claims 19-28 are recited for the first time.

Each of Claims 11-28 refers to the "clean air" side of the applicants' invention shown in FIG. 1, including the recitation of a gas flow meter (32) connected between a source of gas and the evaporative system of a motor vehicle under test for leaks. By virtue of the gas flow meter, technicians will be provided with a visual indication of whether the evaporative system under test has a leak and the size of such leak so that a decision to repair the leak can be made. It is believed that the inclusion of said gas flow meter to indicate leaks in the evaporative system (e.g. the fuel vapor recovery system) of a motor vehicle is patentable over the patents that are currently know to the applicants. Accordingly, a favorable action is earnestly solicited following an examination of this application. r en en

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